



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Colorado experienced below average precipitation with above average temperatures last week. High winds were experienced on several days last week. Overall, the mountain snowpack is 7 percent of average. Farmers were allowed 6.3 days in the field for spring operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	19	34	46	1
Last Week	12	32	53	3
Last Year	10	20	65	5

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	21	36	43	0
Last Week	15	38	47	0
Last Year	12	25	60	3

Small Grains: Winter wheat progress increased to 99 percent headed, 48 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average. Twenty-six percent of the crop was reported turning color as of last week. The crop was rated in mostly fair to good condition. Spring barley was 100 percent emerged by the end of the week and 5 percent headed with the crop rated in mostly good to fair condition. Spring wheat was reported 99 percent emerged and 3 percent headed at week's end. The crop was reported in mostly good to fair condition.

Row Crops: Corn progress increased to 99 percent planted with 78 percent emerged. The crop was rated in mostly good condition. The onion crop was rated in mostly good condition. Summer potatoes were 98 percent emerged as of last week compared to the 5-year average of 31 percent and rated in mostly good condition. Fall potato plantings last week increased to 95 percent planted with 16 percent emerged. Sugarbeets reached 94 percent up to stand with the crop rated in good condition. Sorghum progress increased to 45 percent planted while dry bean progress increased to 28 percent planted. Sunflower planting reached 26 percent by the end of the week.

SMALL GRAIN AND ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending May 27, 2012

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn					
This Week	0	1	26	66	7
Last Year	0	3	44	51	2
Spring Barley					
This Week	0	1	17	64	18
Last Year	0	6	45	45	4
Spring Wheat					
This Week	0	1	47	52	0
Last Year	0	6	48	40	6
Winter Wheat					
This Week	5	16	37	37	5
Last Year	16	21	35	25	3

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range feed conditions declined slightly last week in mostly fair to poor condition across the State. Alfalfa hay making was in full swing last week reaching 40 percent of the 1st cutting complete. The crop was reported in mostly good to fair condition last week.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending May 27, 2012

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2012	6	31	39	23	1
Prev. Year - 2011	12	25	34	25	4
5-Year Avg.	7	15	32	40	6

Livestock: The condition of livestock remains in mostly good condition. Death losses for cattle and sheep were average. Stored feed supplies were rated average to short for this time of year.

COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending May 27, 2012

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Alfalfa				
1 st Cutting	40	N/A	10	15
Corn				
Planted	99	94	92	92
Emerged	78	60	40	50
Dry Beans				
Planted	28	18	33	16
Emerged	7	-	1	1
Fall Potatoes				
Planted	95	81	85	91
Emerged	16	3	2	5
Sorghum				
Planted	45	27	13	24
Spring Barley				
Emerged	100	92	90	94
Headed	5	N/A	-	-
Spring Wheat				
Emerged	99	75	67	81
Headed	3	N/A	-	-
Sugarbeets				
Up to Stand	94	75	63	60
Summer Potatoes				
Emerged	98	80	17	31
Sunflowers				
Planted	26	16	13	24
Winter Wheat				
Headed	99	90	46	51
Turning Color	26	7	1	-

- Represents zero.

N/A Not available.

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	0	4	39	46	11
Dry Onions	0	0	16	80	4
Livestock	0	2	20	75	3
Sugarbeets	0	1	27	64	8
Summer Potatoes	0	0	38	62	0

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.

Coming soon – NASS’s annual June surveys on crops and livestock. In the first two weeks of June, NASS will survey about 140,000 U.S. producers and visit 42,000 tracts of farm land to collect information. Responses to these surveys provide the foundation for estimates in the upcoming growing year and will first be released in the *Acreage* and other reports on June 29. Watch for the survey and be sure to respond. Your information matters!